

## BRYAN UNIVERSITY BECOMES BRYAN COLLEGE

FROM A *Hole* IN THE WALL  
... TO A *Haven!*A STORY BY THE STUDENT  
AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Bryan College, Dayton, Tenn.

At the Student Affairs Council meeting on September 23, it was unanimously voted that a project be launched to remodel the present concessions area and the rowdy lounge, combining the two into an attractive student center. This project was taken to the four classes and the faculty and staff, all of whom enthusiastically agreed to raise the \$2,800 needed for this improvement.

The re-decorating for this combined area will include the installation of a complete soda fountain and attractive tables, chairs and booths. The walls are to be finished with plaster or knotty pine, and the ceiling with acoustical tile. A beautiful but practical tile floor will be laid. Being considered for one end of this area is a better-equipped store where the students can purchase more of the little necessities of life.

OCTOBER and NOVEMBER have been set aside as the months for the money to be raised, and each student has been asked to raise a minimum sum of \$10. How can **YOU** help? In three ways: first, pray; second, give as God enables you; and third, share this idea with some other friend who might be interested in the student life of Bryan College. Won't you send your contribution—earmarked for the student center—**TODAY?** We would like to begin work the first of December.

TENNESSEE LEADS IN  
STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Tennessee, with 56 registrations, leads the 27 states and two foreign countries represented in the first semester enrollment of 253, according to statistics released by the office

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(The Board of Trustees voted to change the corporate name of the college from "The William Jennings Bryan University" to "William Jennings Bryan College" at its meeting of October 6 held on the campus. Recommended by the Planning Committee of the Board, the change had been under consideration for some time and was overwhelmingly approved by the alumni in a poll conducted by the Association office last summer. The change will become legally effective when the amendment to the Bryan charter has been accepted by the Tennessee secretary of state. The fee for effecting the charter change was paid by the Upper East Tennessee Alumni chapter, which had requested the privilege of making the gift to the college for this purpose.

In making the change, the trustees recognized the fact that Bryan had been titled a university before it ever actually existed in operation and that from its beginning the college had actually been an undergraduate liberal arts institution. The basic liberal arts character of the school had been reaffirmed in faculty and board actions as late as 1955. The change, therefore, was considered to be desirable because the term "college" precisely defines the educational function of the institution. This exactitude of definition is highly desirable in associations in the educational world, for advertising purposes, and for an accurate representation before the general public.

The transfer of additional college assets to the Endowment Fund brought the total of that fund to \$108,338.17. This fund was formally established at the last June meeting of the Board in anticipation of the Southern Association endowment requirements for accreditation. A minimal endowment of \$300,000 is specified for a college the size of Bryan.

Other Board actions included the approval of four faculty members for tenure with the issuance of the next contracts. These approvals were granted in keeping with the Policy on Academic Freedom, Tenure and Salary adopted in 1957. The trustees also voted to increase both the tuition and the general student fee ten dollars each semester, thus increasing student cost by forty dollars per year. This action was taken in an effort to help end deficit spending by closing the gap between the cost of educating a student at Bryan and what the student pays. In the instructional area, the present charge for tuition is \$330.00 per year, with the cost being \$478. The increase will raise the total cost for a dormitory student to \$880.00 next year. In another area, the Board took action approving the awarding of an honorary degree at the June commencement. This will be the first honorary degree to be awarded by the college. Announcement concerning the recipient will be made later.

Eighteen of the twenty-two trustees attended the October 6 meeting, which is known as the "annual" session. Activities of the day included a breakfast with members of the Advisory Committee as guests; chapel, with the service conducted by the trustees; and a luncheon cruise on Lake Chickamauga.

## Progress Toward Accreditation

The Southern Association Preliminary Application Report was submitted on October 15 for consideration of the Screening Committee of the Committee on Colleges and Universities. On November 7, five Bryan representatives, including two trustees, went to Atlanta for an inter-

view with the Screening Committee. This friendly and constructive meeting emphasized what was already evident—that Bryan must have a minimum of \$300,000 in endowment and that Bryan needs additional faculty who hold the doctorate especially in the departments offering majors. If Bryan were able to meet these requirements immediately, a

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# THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Theodore C. Mercer

As reported to you in the last NEWS-ETTE, the first two weeks of chapel this year were called "orientation" chapels, each dealing in its devotional aspect with some phase of Bryan standards. To re-emphasize the doctrinal position of the college as given in the statement of faith embodied in the college charter and carried each year in the catalog, a series of sermons on the nine cardinal truths of this credo have been planned for the year. The first, on the inspiration of the Scriptures, was given by Dr. Karl E. Keefer, dean of the college, on October 17, which was Bible conference preparation day. A condensation of Dr. Keefer's sermon is given below. It is hoped that excerpts from the other sermons to be given by the faculty may be carried in future issues.

## THE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

By Karl E. Keefer, Jr.

The first article of the Statement of Faith of Bryan College, which is endorsed every year by each member of the faculty, as well as the board of trustees, reads:

"We believe that the Holy Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, is of final and supreme authority in faith and life, and being inspired by God, is inerrant in the original writings."

In the perilous times in which we live, it is of tremendous importance to have a spiritual anchor, and Bryan College has been true to the high purposes of its founders by this anchor—the Word of God.

What is meant when it is said that the Bible is "inspired of God"? The meaning of the Greek word found in II Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" is "God-breathed." The Bible issues from the very heart of God as one's breath issues from the depth of one's body. The part of this Greek word which means "breathed" is derived from the same root which is often translated "spirit," sometimes referring to the human spirit and sometimes to the Holy Spirit. It is clear in this case that the reference is to the Holy Spirit. Not only does the Bible come to us from the very heart of God but it is vitally connected with the work of the Holy Spirit.

This all means that when men turn to the Bible, they turn to a book which speaks with the authority of God Himself, for this is God's book. Indeed, this is the testimony of the Bible itself. The Old Testament is said to contain at least 2600 references to its divine origin, such as "Thus saith the Lord," "The Word of the Lord came," or other phrases. Paul said to the Corinthians, "If any man thinketh himself to be

a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandment of the Lord" (I Cor. 14:37).

Of final authority to the heart of the believer is the testimony of our Lord Jesus. He quoted as authoritative each of the three divisions of the Jewish canon of Scripture and, in addition, made the statement found in Matthew 5:18, "Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished." Furthermore, He validated in advance the authority of the New Testament by telling His disciples, "The Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, . . . shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you" (John 14:26); ". . . he shall bear witness of me" (John 15:26); ". . . he shall guide you into all truth . . . and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come" (John 16:13).

Another fascinating aspect of this topic is the method of inspiration. The first factor to be recognized is the divine. God the Father, through the Holy Spirit, brought into being this authoritative book which tells man of His supreme revelation of Himself through Jesus Christ. The Bible is the voice of God.

The second factor is the human. God did not miraculously create the Bible out of nothing, as He so well could have done, but He chose to use men, with their individual peculiarities of speech, vocabularies, cultural backgrounds, literary styles and all the other human characteristics which distinguish them one from another. It is in the blending of these two factors—the divine and the human—that the great miracle of inspiration is to be seen. The Holy Spirit has taken human beings and has used them to convey God's message authoritatively and infallibly so that the words of men have become the Word of God.

To go to either extreme in the matter of method leads to a distorted view. Many liberals have emphasized the human element at the expense of the divine, with the result that the Bible has become for them merely another human document, with only that authority which they wish to read into it. Some conservatives have emphasized the divine at the expense of the human, so that the Bible has lost the "common touch" and men no longer understand its language. If one had to choose

either extreme, the emphasis on the divine would doubtless be preferred. One does not have to adopt an extreme view if it is understood that inspiration involves the interaction of the two elements under the superintendency of the Holy Spirit. This is precisely what Peter refers to when he says, "Holy men of God spake as they were moved (carried along) by the Holy Spirit" (II Pet. 1:21).

Actually, of course, this does not explain the method of inspiration which, in the ultimate sense, is beyond human explanation. But it may perhaps afford some measure of insight into the elements which, blended together by the wisdom and power of God, have given men a book trustworthy down to its very words, which meets them where they are and lifts them to a new life in Christ.

One point remains. The message of inspiration involves more than intellectual assent to certain theological propositions or creedal statements. Belief in the inspiration of the Bible, vital and basic as it is, becomes a hollow mockery unless it is translated into changed behavior. Orthodox doctrine must produce an orthodox life.

Here again the Bible itself bears eloquent testimony when Paul says, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work." Those who believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures need to be very sure that their behavior conforms to their belief. This, like the other aspects of inspiration, is the work of the Holy Spirit Who, dwelling in the body of the believer, uses the Word of God to transform human life and turn the empty profession of orthodoxy into the fullness of rich possession of new life in Jesus Christ. All He needs is a willing, yielded human being.

This work of the Holy Spirit is the great need of the Christian church today. This is the great need of Bryan College.

Nov. 27	Thanksgiving.
	North-South Day
Dec. 13	Annual Christmas Banquet
Dec. 14	Gifts-for-the-King Vespers
Dec. 19- Jan. 4	Christmas Vacation
Jan. 19-23	First Semester Final Exams



## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY EXECUTIVE WINS AWARD

Dr. William Wonderly '36, executive director of all technical assistance given to translators under the American Bible Society in Mexico and Central America, was announced as the winner of the Bryan "Alumnus of the Year" award at the recent annual homecoming activities. The announcement was made by the Rev. Richard McIntosh, outgoing president of the Alumni Association at the alumni chapel on Oct. 10.

In citing Dr. Wonderly for the honor, the Association took note of the fact that he has received wide recognition for his work in linguistics under the Wycliffe Bible Translators (1941-56) and the American Bible Society. His specific achievements include the reduction to writing of the Zoque Indian language of Mexico and contributions to the current revision of the Bible in Spanish to be published in 1959. Dr. Wonderly, who holds the Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Michigan, has taught in the Summer Institute of Linguistics of the Wycliffe Translators and at the School of Anthropology of the University of Mexico. In his position as technical assistant to translators throughout northern Latin America, he has been responsible for bringing together missionaries and national leaders concerned



Dr. William Wonderly

with the problems of evangelism among the Indian groups.

Because the recipient was not able to be personally present, Alumni President McIntosh read a warm letter of acknowledgement from Dr. Wonderly. An exhibit of photographs and a collection of the writings of Dr. Wonderly were on display for the occasion.

## Looking Back

### SEPT. 13—ALL-COLLEGE OUTING

Cumberland Mountain State Park, Crossville, Tenn. Sponsored by the faculty in honor of the Freshmen.

### OCT. 10-12—HOMECOMING

Friday—Alumni Chapel. Participating were Richard McIntosh '52, Lima, O., pastor, Northside Baptist Church, outgoing alumni president; James Morring ex '30, Chattanooga, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company executive; John Quimby '45, Elyria, O., missionary to Japan. Part of the program was the playing back of a musical recording by Bryan's well-known brass quartet of a few years ago—Jesse DeLoe ex '56, James Reese '56, Alva Conner '55 and Donald Weltmer '56, with introduction by D. W. Ryther, former dean.

Saturday—Homecoming Parade and Touch Football Game: Bryan Lions vs. Tennessee Temple Tigers. Parade Winners were cat (station wagon) and mouse (Volkswagen) unit by Robert Terpstra and Jerry Sisson, both of class of '59. Homecoming Queen: Marilyn Laszlo '59 of Valparaiso, Ind. Attendants: Jean

Sentz '60, Asheville, N. C., and Greta Sorrell '60, Erlanger, Ky. Football Winners —Yeah, Lions! 21-6.

Homecoming Dinner in newly completed college dining hall. Emcee: Everett Boyce '56, Bryan athletic director; Speaker: Fred Donehoo '53, Knoxville, Tenn.

Sunday—Alumni Missionary Vespers. Moderator: John Rathbun '54, Idaville, Ind., new alumni president; Missionaries (in native costume): Glenn '52 and Marjorie Crumly, Belgian Congo; Norma Sweeney '53, Japan; John Quimby '45, Japan. Music: Judy King '57 and Ruth Bartlett, instructor in music.

### OCT. 12-18—CITIZENSHIP WEEK

Oct. 13—Columbus Day observance, with chapel program on Latin America. Participants: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Landis, missionaries to Chile; David Tillotson, formerly of Argentina; Garrett Benson, worker among Mexican migrants; Mary Alice Greider, professor of Spanish and recent visitor to Cuba.

Oct. 15—American Citizenship Day variety program with students and faculty participating. Platform guests: candidates for state legislature from Rhea and Meigs Counties.

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT

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of the dean. In second place is Michigan, with 36 students. Ohio is in third place with 25; and Pennsylvania is fourth with 21. Other states with ten or more students are Indiana (16), Wisconsin (12), Illinois (10), and Florida (10). The Far West is represented with one student from California and three from Colorado. New England boasts three representatives. The two foreign students are Uh Youne Hong, Korea, and Adib Liddawi, Bethlehem, Jordan. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Landis, missionaries to Chile, are enrolled at Bryan on their furlough. They are counted in their home state of Pennsylvania.

The enrollment of 253 represents an equivalent full-time enrollment of 224, which is the measure of enrollment in terms of tuition paid. The total registration is eighteen above that of first semester last year and only two short of the total enrollment for last year. The total equivalent full-time enrollment is seven ahead of both semesters last year, a figure which probably will be augmented modestly by the second semester enrollment.

These statistics would indicate that Bryan may have reached the trough of the enrollment cycle two years ago, with a total registration of 249 and an equivalent full-time enrollment of 221. The 1956-57 figures represented the bottom of the enrollment decline from the 1952-53 peak of 280 registrations and full-time equivalent of 262.

Oct. 16—Hosted the annual meeting of the Tennessee Bankers Association, Region Four, in cooperation with Dayton Bank and Trust Company.

Oct. 18—Rhea County Open House Day, celebrating the Advisory Committee summer drive. Buffet supper for committee members and all campaign workers.

### OCT. 19-26—BIBLE CONFERENCE

(Twenty-eighth annual rated tops by faculty and students): Dr. Edward John Carnell, President of Fuller Theological Seminary; Rev. Edgerton H. Reid '37, Ohio Messianic Testimony, Cincinnati; Dr. Homer Hammon-tree and the Rev. Paul Beckwith, musicians.

### OCT. 30—REFORMATION DAY

Chapel program by Bible Seminar students under direction of Dr. Jensen.

### OCT. 31-NOV. 2—FMF CONF.

Lake Louise, Toccoa, Ga.

### NOV. 19—DAY OF PRAYER





## CHAPEL TIME

Sept. 25	Dr. Julian Bandy, president, Toccoa Falls Institute, Toccoa Falls, Ga.
Oct. 1	Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter, author and preacher, London and Edinburgh
Oct. 9	John Quimby '45, missionary to Japan, Japan Faith Baptist Mission, Elyria, O.
Oct. 28	Miss Joy Ridderhof, Gospel Recordings, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 31	Robert Couture, missionary to India, The Evangelical Alliance Mission
Nov. 3	Rev. W. Herbert Scott, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Holland, Mich.
Nov. 4	Rev. Donald C. Graham, pastor, McIlwain Memorial Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Fla.
Nov. 5	"Pa" Byus, Country Preacher, Charleston, W. Va.
Nov. 6	Rev. George McCune, Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Wheaton, Ill.
Nov. 7	Evangelist Fred Brown, Chattanooga, Tenn., and Howard M. Skinner, Muskegon, Mich., director, Maranatha Bible Conference.
Nov. 10-14	Miss Ruth Huston, Hyden, Ky., and Coatesville, Pa., missionary, Scripture Memory Mountain Mission
Nov. 30 Vespers	Dr. Frank Torrey, pastor, Calvary Independent Church, Lancaster, Pa.
Dec. 2	Rev. Harold Longnecker, Rural Home Missionary Assn., Inc., Morton, Ill.
Dec. 8	Rev. Henry Geiger, director, Children's Gospel Hour telecast and radio broadcast, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Dec. 9, 10	Rev. Shockley Few, Youth for Christ director, Columbia, S. C.
Jan. 8	Rev. T. Perry Brannon, pastor, Chattanooga Gospel Tabernacle and director of Radio Revival broadcast since 1930
Jan. 12	Rev. Earle Stevens, pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Jan. 15, 16	Rev. D. T. Dale, TEAM missionary to Japan, South Bend, Ind.
Jan. 19	Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor, Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Ill.

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formal visitation and inspection could be requested for next semester.

The Bryan committee felt, however, that an all-out effort should be made to meet these two items within the next 12-18 months. If this is achieved, inspection could be re-

quested during next school year, with the possibility of approval by December 1960. The annual meeting of the Southern Association is always held in December. Approval for inspection is granted at one meeting and the recommendation of the visitation committee is acted on at the next annual meeting.

## Here and There

**THE 1958 COMMONER** received an honor rating award from the Associated Collegiate Press, with a total score of 5180, and placed first class among the schools in its enrollment group.

**ALUMNI OFFICERS** for 1958-59 are John Rathbun '54, Idaville, Ind., president; Lamar Modert '50, Bronson, Mich., vice president; Mary Roselyn Hall '55, Athens, Tenn., secretary; Joyce Cooper '52 (Mrs. Albert) Levensgood, Dayton, Tenn., treasurer; Rebecca Peck '40, Dayton, Tenn., executive secretary.

**THE BRYAN KINDERGARTEN** is having a flourishing second year, according to Dr. Ruth Nixon, professor of elementary education. Enrollment is 14, which is capacity. Special feature is the foreign language experiment in Spanish by Miss Mary Alice Greider, Spanish professor.

**PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS** at which Bryan has been represented this year are: East Tennessee Education Association (ETEA), Knoxville; Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges (CASC), regional meeting, Louisville; Southern Association of Colleges, Louisville.

A recent survey showed that 73 per cent of the Bryan faculty belonged to at least one professional society and that 25 per cent attended at least one meeting last year.

**PROMOTIONAL TRIPS** made were: Christian Business Men's Fellowship luncheon and Atlanta Youth for Christ, Nov. 1, Dr. Mercer and Gospel Messengers; Colonial Hills Baptist Church (Dr. Paul Van Gorder, pastor), East Point, Ga., Nov. 2, a.m., Gospel Messengers; Scripture Memory Mountain Mission Conference, Nov. 26 and 27, Dr. Keefer and Gospel Messengers.

## BRYAN NEWSETTE

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